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Letter dated 24 July 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on Haiti issued on 19 July 2002 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 47.

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Annex to the letter dated 24 July 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement on Haiti issued on 19 July 2002 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union welcomes the detailed and comprehensive report of the Commission of Inquiry into the events of 17 December 2001 in Haiti and encourages both the Government of Haiti and the opposition to accept and implement the recommendations of the report and engage in confidence-building measures to reach a political agreement that will give new impetus to a democratic process in the country.

The European Union reiterates its full support for the efforts of the Organization of American States to bring about durable political solutions to the existing difficulties in Haiti, ensuring a strengthening of democracy and the rule of law to the benefit of the population of Haiti. The European Union also welcomes and supports the work of the OAS/CARICOM mission in Haiti.

The European Union recalls the decision of the Council of 22 January 2002 to suspend partially its financial aid and to allow for a gradual reactivation of all its development cooperation instruments only once the Haitian parties concerned have reached a basic political agreement and taken the necessary steps in line with a substantive implementation of that agreement. The European Union will continue to closely monitor relevant developments in Haiti.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the EFTA countries members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this statement.